

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Investigation Number:**  
03144-0600

**Reporting Office:**  
Dallas, TX, Area Office

**Investigation Name:**  
Arkansas Gravel Company

**Activity Date:**  
09/27/2021

**Subject of Report:**  
2021-09-25; Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , NuStar (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Reporting Official and Date:**  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Special Agent  
27 Sep 2021, Signed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Approving Official and Date:**  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
29 Sep 2021, Approved (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

**DETAILS:**

On September 25, 2021, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) met with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) , NuStar (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) NuStar Energy (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

at the incident command post adjacent to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office in Hampton, Arkansas. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following information to SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding NuStar's anhydrous ammonia (NH3) pipeline and the company's response to the September 23, 2021, rupture, and subsequent release of NH3:

NuStar owns and operates the NH3 pipeline, which originates in Louisiana and terminates at two terminals, one in Nebraska and one in Indiana. The NH3 pipeline transits through several states, including Arkansas.

NuStar personnel in the Wichita, Kansas office contacted the National Response Center to make their initial report of the NH3 release. NuStar employees (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided initial response for NuStar to the NH3 release site. The pressure on the pipeline was reduced from a NuStar control center and the pipeline was shut in, with an approximately seven mile distance between shut in locations and the rupture site.

On-site and off-site air monitoring is being conducted by a contractor, CTEH; their point of contact is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . On-site excavation and pipe repair are contracted to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . The NuStar representative overseeing repair operations is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and assisted by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .

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NuStar will prepare a Form PHMSA F 7000-1 / Accident Report – Hazardous Liquid and Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Systems, which is due within 30 calendar days of the incident. All photographs and videos obtained by NuStar personnel are under a “legal hold” and will be available upon completion of incident reports.

NuStar is tracking internally all response and remediation efforts through (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with contact information for NuStar legal counsel, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), to obtain final reports on NuStar’s efforts and costs incurred from the response.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said the above ground markers for the pipeline were easily visible and one was located within yards of the incident area where the AGC excavator operator was digging. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said no representatives from AGC had contacted them as of the meeting with SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**AGENT NOTE:**

NuStar (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) granted SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) full access to the NuStar Pipeline Right of Way and Easement Area located in Calhoun County, Arkansas from September 25, 2021 through October 1, 2021. A copy of the written authorization is attached.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. NUSTAR AUTHORIZATION - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)